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## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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HIROKI HIYAMA		)		
		:	Group Art Unit: 2	2612
Application No.: 09/291,006		)		
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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified application follows.

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